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The
DISTRICT 5
Heartbeat
Your Community News

A YEAR IN REVIEW NEWSLETTER

The End of Year Report: 2016

Dear District 5 Neighbors and Friends,

Happy New Year, we hope you and your family enjoyed the holidays. It was such an honor to end 2016 with many of you at the various holiday parties throughout the community and other events that promote District 5's progress. We want to thank our neighborhood associations for investing so much to make sure our communities thrived throughout the past year and all the organizations that help to keep our community thriving.

As we begin 2017, we want to revisit work we accomplished together in 2016 to inspire us to continue moving District 5 forward. In 2016, we continued to lay the ground work for reducing traffic fatalities with the Vision Zero initiative. This year we continued our Rapid Response Strategy and paired it with the construction of two new Z crossings on Commerce and Culebra. Also, an important part of increasing the safety of our neighborhoods is better lighting, I was proud to negotiate another \$1 million dollars to continue providing lighting on our streets bringing our cumulative investment so far for lighting to \$2 million.

We want to thank TOPS and COPS Metro for continuing to work with our community in addressing our district and city's needs. The office of District 5 was happy to work with COPS Metro to raise the minimum wage at City Hall to \$13.75 and help gain the support of the Mayor and my colleagues to add Project Quest as a line item in the city budget to ensure they can continue working to achieve a living wage for the residents of our district.

We hope you find this year's issue of The D5 Heartbeat to be informative. Included will be a review of up-to-date D5 Bond projects. Thank you for allowing us to represent you and work with you to address our district's needs.

With Pride in District 5,



Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales



Pride in **5**
DISTRICT

Vision Zero



Drive safe. Bike safe. Walk safe.

In 2015,

- 46 people were killed while walking in San Antonio
- 25 people died while riding a motorcycle
- 80 people lost their loves in a car accident
- 3 people died while riding their bicycles

In 2016, Councilwoman Gonzales continued promoting awareness and solutions for this issue that has affected so many lives in our city. One of the most important elements in tackling this problem is education. Meeting and speaking with local neighborhood associations and larger audiences via radio and other mediums of communication have helped to educate the public on how we can reduce traffic fatalities to zero. As part of bringing awareness to the issue of traffic fatalities, a brand new Vision Zero campaign has been unveiled this year called **"It's Your Life. It's My Life."** Also, funding for sidewalk maintenance was increased by 76%, providing \$15 million for new sidewalks citywide for fiscal year 2016.

The five essential elements for safer streets include:

1. **Education**— Inform the public of safety measures that may be taken whether a person is walking, driving or bicycling.
2. **Encouragement**— Encourage all to follow all traffic laws.
3. **Engineering**— Explore improvements to enhance safety and accessibility along crosswalks, walkways and bikeways.
4. **Enforcement**— Enforce traffic safety and support initiatives such as Click it or Ticket It, Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving and Distracted Driving.
5. **Evaluation**— Evaluate traffic safety efforts



At Main Plaza for Walk to Remember Memorial in honor of victims of traffic fatalities.



Family and friends of Victoria Robles, victim of a local traffic fatality, honor her memory during Walk to Remember Memorial.

On November 20, 2016, Councilwoman Gonzales, along with the department of Transportation and Capital Improvements, led "Walk to Remember" to join families and friends of loved ones who lost their lives on San Antonio's roadways. The commemorative event formed part of Vision Zero International's World Day of Remembrance initiative, which pays tribute to victims of traffic fatalities in cities around the world. This effort helps bring awareness to the problem of traffic injuries and deaths and helps to catalyze change.

Constituent Services



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City Council District 5 SAWS Affordability Programs October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016	
Program	Total Customers
Project Agua	448
Affordability Discount Program	48,415
Senior Citizen Billing Program	4,925
Disability Billing Program	251
Total	54,039

AFFORDABILITY DISCOUNT PROGRAM

SAWS' Affordability Discount Program offers up to an \$18 credit on monthly bills for those who qualify financially.

PROJECT AGUA

This is a charitable payment assistance program that provides limited assistance to customers up to twice a year.

SENIOR DISCOUNT PROGRAM

The Senior Billing Discount, waives late fees for those over age 60.

DISABILITY BILLING DISCOUNT

SAWS customers who receive Social Security Income for disabilities are eligible for due date extensions of up to 25 days.

**Information provided by San Antonio Water System*



City Council District 5 Department Service Requests October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016	
Department	Total
Animal Care Services	10,943
Code Enforcement Services	29,440
Development Services	194
Parks & Rec	1,511
Public Works	6,366
Solid Waste Management	19,588
Total	68,042

Serving the community with the will to listen and respond effectively...

Either by contacting one of our two field offices or directly reaching the District 5 office at city hall, we want to make sure that District 5's constituents' concerns are addressed. Also, we encourage that you contact 3-1-1 if you or the community has a need or concern. Positive change and growth cannot be possible without a community willing to voice their needs and concerns.

Economic Development

The Energy Partnership Innovation Center



Formerly known as the Mission Road Power Plant, EPICenter is looking to convert the facility into a state-of-the-art development that will focus on using clean energy, such as solar and wind energy, to power the complex.

Set to be built by the general contractor of developments like the Pearl, this south-of-town complex will serve as a center for innovation, education and development.

It will include a 400-seat auditorium within the former basement of the former turbine building. It will also be the biggest multifamily development project

neighboring District 5. Up the street, The Blue Star Arts Complex will serve as one of the bookends to this string of new development and as important anchors to an up-and-coming part of San Antonio. The EPI Center has the potential to turn the vacant, passed-over part of Southtown into a thriving neighborhood where families want to be.

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The Flats at Big Tex



A rendering of The Flats at Big Tex courtesy of NRG Group LLC

The NRP Group LLC and Lifshutz Companies completed a 336-unit apartment complex at the Blue Star Arts Complex in District 5's Southtown area. Big Tex was built along the San Antonio River, and it includes about 6,000 square feet of parking, retail and dining. The addition of Big Tex falls in line with Southtown's burgeoning cultural setting that includes art galleries, music venues, and eclectic dining. Three restaurants are planned to

open within the complex along the river, one of which will feature traditional coastal cuisine from the Mexican state of Veracruz. Bridging the Blue Star Complex with the forthcoming Lone Star development, The Flats at Big Tex offer apartments that range from studio size to the larger three-bedroom units.

Economic Development

Center for Health Care Services



A rendering of the multi-service facility to replace the existing structure

The new multi-medical center will replace an older facility on South Zarzamora Street. A center that can minimize travel time between services for seniors and residents without transportation is important so that residents can make full use of those services.

The ground floor will be home to an outpatient mental health services facility along with space for retail.

Slated for a late 2017 completion, the new development will create **20** new jobs, and **164** personnel will be relocated to the facility. We want the community to be healthy and our economic growth to continue to expand, especially as part of the Historic Westside Gateway Project.

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Chateau de Vitre Housing



With the recent development of VIA's Centro bus station, District 5 continues to see new developments that will form a gateway to the heart of the Westside. Chateau de Vitre will include **242** apartment units that will attract a

diverse group of residents, especially students attending the neighboring UTSA Downtown. The city and county are providing incentives to make living close to downtown more affordable for a wider range of individuals. To avoid parking issues for those in the area, Vitre will provide parking garages for tenants. .

Boards & Commissions



Karen Speers

Animal Care Services Advisory Board

Since her retirement from CPS Energy in 2008, Speers has focused her energy on educating District 5 residents about responsible pet ownership. As a promoter of Spay/Neuter and Trap Neuter Release events, she has worked to achieving low maintenance costs for District 5 residents. In addition to serving on the Advisory Board, Speers is highly active in her neighborhood as a board member for the Collins Garden Neighborhood Association.

Speers's mission is to educate as many as she can about coexisting with other animals in a healthier and positive world.



Robert Gonzales

Transportation Advisory Board

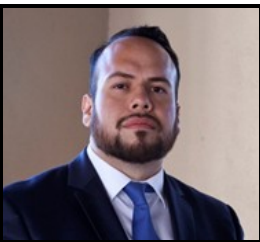
Robert Gonzales has been owner and manager for National Cab Company for 34 years. An advocate in the taxicab industry since 1980, Gonzales stays actively involved with the industry association and industry stakeholders. This will be his second term on the Transportation Advisory Board and has worked to improve the transportation industry by advocating and supporting strong vehicle for hire, and driver regulation.



Guadalupe G. Ochoa

San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees

A lifetime public servant, Ochoa began her civic career immediately following her Masters of Arts degree from the University of Texas at San Antonio. She has worked for many nonprofits as well as holding several positions on the City, State, and National level. Having served on over 8 boards, commissions, and associations, Ochoa has the distinction of having worked in the last three decennial censuses. She now works for CentroMed as a Certified Application Counselor for the Affordable Healthcare Act and



Ricardo Briones

Zoning Commission

Ricardo Briones is a local attorney and lifelong resident of District 5. He has served the community by being on the Board for San Anto Cultural Arts and currently is a volunteer for the organization. He has represented disadvantaged groups such as DREAM ACT students and UNITE HERE! Hyatt Workers. He has also been a feature speaker for several seminars such as Know Your Rights! Legal Seminar by Southwest Workers Union. He is now a Managing Partner of the Law Office of McKnight & Bravenec.



Gloria Zamora

City/County Joint Commission on Elderly Affairs

As a longtime resident and volunteer of District 5, Gloria serves in an advisory capacity on issues affecting the City/County's elderly citizens, 60 years and older. Her mission is to work to improve the quality of life for seniors in San Antonio and Bexar County through outreach, advocacy and support of senior services.

If interested in serving, *you* can apply for appointment by visiting:

sanantonio.gov/clerk/legislative/boardscommissions.aspx

Boards & Commissions



Jesus Rodriguez

Small Business Advocacy Committee

Rodriguez's professional career spans over 28 years and includes extensive experience in both the public and private sectors. His career includes experience in the fields of engineering analysis and design, computer technology, project and resource management, construction management, quality control and safety training. His education includes a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University he holds certifications as an OSHA Trainer and a Property & Casualty Agent for the Texas Department of Insurance.



Kamala Platt

Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee

Kamala Platt is a San Antonio Texas activist. She is a poet, activist, and comparative literature scholar, presently teaching at UT-Pan American in Edinburg. She earned a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from the University of Texas, Austin. Kamala Platt creates her own visual, performance and written works, and supports grassroots activism toward environmental, gender and racial justice. She also spends summers in Kansas, working with The Meadowlark Center, an alternative, arts, education, environmental and social justice center.



Juan F. Solis

Port Authority of San Antonio

Juan F. Solis III, is a former local elected official and currently works as Vice President and Branch Manager for BB&T Bank in San Antonio. In 1999 he was elected as Texas State Representative for District 124, serving one term. Solis' experience includes serving as a tri-chair of the Initial Base Adjustment Strategy Committee (IBASC), formed in 1995 to develop a community response plan as Kelly Air Force Base began closure and its ownership transitioned to the redevelopment organization that is today Port San Antonio.

Carlos J Contreras

Brooks Development Authority

Iris Luna

Building Standards Board

Alfred Rocha

Parks and Recreation Board

Valeria Hernandez

San Antonio Arts Commission

Henry Reyes

Capital Improvements Advisory Committee

Hilario Henry Garcia

City Commission on Veterans Affair

Yvette Benavides

Historic and Design Review Commission

Magdalena Alvarado

Ethics Review Board

Maria R. Cruz

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Gloria Ramirez

*San Antonio Early Childhood Education
Municipal Development Corporation*

Laura S. Martinez

San Antonio Housing Trust

Louis Bofa

Disability Access Advisory Committee

Geraldine Garcia

Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women

District 5 Pets & Community Pet Services

FREE Spay & Neuter Surgeries

ACS Service/Activity	FY 16 (Oct 1 – Jul 31)	FY 15 (Oct 1 – Jul 31)	FY 14 (Oct 1 – Jul 31)
D5 Spay & Neuter Surgeries	3,259	3,298	3,211

For fiscal year 2016, **3,259 animals** were spayed or neutered for **FREE** in D5.

NEED YOUR PET SPAYED OR NEUTERED?

The Following D5 ZIP Codes Qualify for Free Surgeries:

78201, 78204, 78207, 78210, 78211, 78214, 78225, 78228, 78237

For more info or to schedule an appointment, call: (210) 207-6688

Microchipping & Wellness Clinics

ACS held 4

FREE Micro-chipping & Wellness Clinics in the district during 2016. The result of this was that **230 cats and dogs** were chipped.



D5 residents at Microchip & Wellness Clinic



Microchips are required by law.

Microchips help in identifying and reuniting pets with their families and loved ones should they ever become lost. Need your dog or cat microchipped?

Stop by ACS headquarters during regular operating hours and get them microchipped for **FREE** or as low as \$5.

ACS Headquarters — 4710 TX-151 San Antonio, TX 78227.
For more info, call: 210-207-4738

District 5 Pets & Community Pet Services

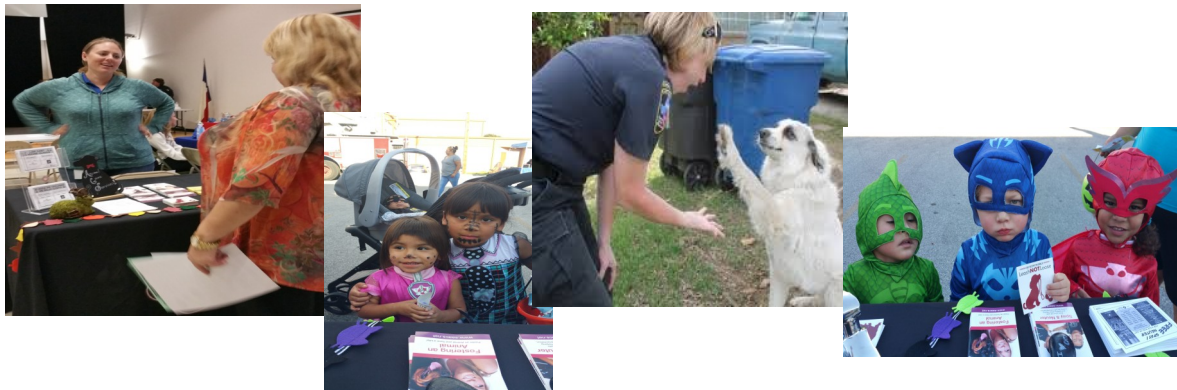
The D5 Animal Care Services Report

District 5 Education and Outreach Event Totals FY16			
Event Type	Event Type Total	CNSI Homes Visited	Microchips Administered
CNSI Block Walk	8	8700	0
CNSI Flyers	3	700	0
CNSI Microchip/Rabies Clinic	3	0	499
Education	33	1100	0
Microchip Clinic	4	0	230
Non CNSI Microchip Event	1	0	86
School	46	0	0
Grand Total	98	10500	815

Animal Care Services continues to educate the community in District 5 about the need for health and safety in regards to our pets. Whether it was at Fall Family Safety Fair or at the Fall West Fest 2016, Animal Care Services were there to inform District 5 about the need for responsible care for animals. Having stray animals on our streets is one issue we continue to tackle, and we start by asking everyone to report stray animals to 3-1-1. Also, we urge everyone to maintain the following tenets of responsible pet ownership as described by ACS:

- **Permits must be purchased for the sale or excess ownership of animals.**
- **Cat colonies of 8 or more require a permit.**
- **Animals cannot be used as a commercial product sold, traded, bartered, leased, rented or even given away on roadsides, commercial lots, or any fairgrounds, flea market, or festival.**
- **If you feed a stray animal on your property, you can be deemed the owner of the animal.**

Lastly, if you witness any acts of cruelty toward animals, such as starvation, need for water, sheltering in hot car, and physical harm or torture, please call 3-1-1 and provide as many details of the case being reported.



Park Improvements

Elmendorf Lake Park

With a budget of \$8,655,000, general park improvements had been underway, and we are happy and proud to announce that Elmendorf Lake Park opened on January 21, 2017. The improvements included the addition of basic park amenities complementary to City of San Antonio/Bexar County/



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Benavides Park

District 5 benefited from more park improvements to Father Timothy Benavides Park at a cost of \$350,000. These improvements included:

- Added playground shade
- Security lights
- Installed concrete walking trail and lighting.

Rosedale Park

We are also proud to announce improvements to the renowned Rosedale Park. After beginning in March 2016, these improvements are expected to be completed by January 2017. The updates include:

- Resurfacing of basketball and tennis courts
- Addition of water fountain
- Updating lighting on fields



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Lending Our Support

The office of District 5 allocated a total of
\$51,937.68 in 2016 for Community Events

In 2016, we were able to provide assistance to local organizations for events in District 5 using **City Council Project Funds (CCPF)**. From Dance Therapy to Zumba at Good Samaritan Community Services, we are more than happy to acquire funds that benefit District 5 and hopes the events and programs available now will continue to exist and flourish. All events supported by the CC PF promote



Helping to promote the importance of family at District 5's Mother's Day event



Promoting District 5's rich culture at Avenida Guadalupe's Diez y Seis Pa-



District 5's Back-to-School drive at Collins Garden



The D5 Holiday Party unites an entire community to promote family traditions



Nurturing our youth's talent by supporting the arts such as Dance Therapy



Giving students the enjoyment of watching books come to life
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Supporting our children at St. Timothy's La Mochila Backpack drive



Providing resources our youth needs to participate in The Advocates Boxing Youth Program (photo by TABYP)



Making sure our senior citizens are able to stay active and healthy with Zumba

Housing & Neighborhood Improvements

Let's Paint D-5!

The D5 Let's Paint Program is a home rehabilitation program that includes exterior paint and minor repairs. After having successfully secured CDBG, HOME and General Funds for the one of a kind D5 Let's Paint Program, we secured an additional **\$200,000** for the 2016 fiscal year, and we are proud to present some of the wonderful results.

As of May 2016:

31 homes were repainted in District 5 during the 2016 Fiscal Year

140 N. San Felipe



Before
&
After



“As I was riding the bus one day, I overheard someone talking about the Let's Paint Program. I called Councilwoman Gonzales's office, and it didn't take long before I was told I qualified. I was very happy and satisfied with the work,

If it wasn't for District 5's help, I wouldn't have had the funds to paint my house, and my house was looking pretty awful.

”

— Mary Pena
Proud District 5 homeowner

717 Hoover Ave



Before
&
After



Dial-A-Trailer

For fiscal year 2016, we've collected...

94.87 tons of unwanted items on **26 occasions** with an average of **2.36 times per month**

The Dial A Trailer program provides residents of District 5 the opportunity to get rid of unwanted bulky items, brush, metals and tires. The trailers are placed throughout District 5 and mostly located near churches, schools and neighborhoods.

Dial A Trailer events are scheduled on Saturdays from 8:30 am to 12 pm at least twice per month. Special pick ups may be arranged for urgent cases.

Housing & Neighborhood Improvements

Let's Paint D-5: Completed Homes

251 E Lambert

658 W. Theo Ave



**Before
&
After**

**Before
&
After**



Pedestrian Z - Crossings



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227 Rollins Ave

Parallel to Culebra Rd near NW 28th St, we hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony to unveil the completion of this pedestrian crossing on June 22, 2016. The crossing serves the community of pedestrians that find a need to cross the heavily traversed Culebra Rd.



4303 W. Commerce St

Near NW 24th St, we unveiled this new Z-crossing on June 29, 2016 to continue our mission to reduce traffic fatalities to zero. West Commerce is one of San Antonio's busiest streets, and the nearest intersection at NW 24th street also sees high mobility on a daily basis, which proved to be an ideal location for a Z-crossing.



District 5 Lighting and Energy Services

Light Up D5!

For 2016, District 5 secured **\$1,000,000** to “Light Up D5” neighborhood streets. The Light Up D5 project has been successfully implemented, we hope to continue securing funds to light up our streets.



CPS inspecting LED lights for installation
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We continue to urge constituents to report burnt, missing or broken street light bulbs, incomplete installations, and/or dark areas that are suitable sites for possible new installations.

What does the program include?

- Increased visibility, mobility and safety of our neighborhood
- Making sure our schools, parks, senior centers and churches are fully visible and safe
- Optimizing light around essential public institutions 2016 with the use of LED neighborhood lights.



LED lamppost at 1200 BLK of Hidalgo

LED Luminaires are set to replace over **20,000** high-pressure sodium (HPS) bulbs in the commercial corridors and neighborhood streets. Constituents that have benefited from this type of lighting, such as in the Memorial Heights neighborhood, have been very pleased. They recognize how these lighting projects help to prevent accidents on roads and maintain visibility that helps keep our constituents safe at night.

CPS Engagement Services

A total of **10,316** constituents in our district were serviced by CPS. Many of those constituents took advantage of the Affordability Program provided by CPS. We are well aware of the need some constituents and their families have to maintain their access to electricity, and we encourage residents to contact our office for more information. Also, one goal that we have for 2017 is to increase the use of renewable resources in D5. We will be promoting CPS' s rebate pro-

City Council District 5 CPS Community Engagement February 2016 – November 2016	
Service	Total Customers
Customer Response Unit	111
Weatherized Homes	563
Affordability Discount Program	9,642
Community Engagement Events	35
Solar Rebates	\$596,548
Customer Rebates (Residential & Commercial)	\$1,141,962

District 5 -- 2017 Community Bond Recommendations

The **2017 Community Bond Recommendations** have been approved. Fifteen committee members met with the community to put forth recommendations for approximately \$46.8 million for improvements that affect streets, sidewalks, drainage, and



Bond Committee Members meet with District 5 office October 26, 2016

	Board
Michael Martinez	Drainage
Maria Cruz	Drainage
Al Rocha	Drainage
Manuel Garza	Facilities
Andy Castillo	Facilities
David Komet	Facilities
Natalia Tovar	NeighborHood
Jason Mata	NeighborHood
Tricia Herrera	NeighborHood
Phoebe Gonzales	Parks
Jovanna Lopez	Parks
Valeria Hernandez	Parks
Raymond Garza	Streets
Yvette Benavidez	Streets
Gloria Martinez	Streets

District 5 -- Approved Bond Projects

Streets, Bridges, and Sidewalks

Proposed Project	Proposed Cost
District 5 Pedestrian Mobility	\$6,500,000
Probandt (Alamo to Highway 90)	\$5,000,000
Roosevelt Corridor Improvements	\$5,000,000
West Commerce Corridor (Frio to Colorado)	\$10,000,000
Zarzamora Overpass (Union Pacific/Frio City)	\$10,000,000
Lone Star Area Streets (World Heritage)	\$5,000,000

Parks and Recreation

Proposed Project	Proposed Cost
District 5 Parks Package	\$1,000,000
Elmendorf Lake Park	\$2,000,000
Monterrey Park (D5 and D7)	\$475,000
Normoyle Park (SA Seniors Softball Facility)	\$1,150,000
Rosedale Park	\$500,000

District 5 -- 2017 Community Bond Recommendations

District 5 -- Proposed Bond Projects

Facilities	
Proposed Project	Proposed Cost
Family Services Neighborhood Place	\$1,500,000
Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center	\$450,000
Las Palmas Branch Library	\$1,700,000
Memorial Branch Library	\$3,300,000

2017 Bond Program Timeline

The 2017 Bond cycle is underway, and now that the various city council bond committees have met with constituents and have presented the needs specific to each district, the Mayor and City Council will hold hearings and take further action to decide the final proposed bond projects.

2017 Bond Program Timeline

OCT – DEC.
2016



Community Meetings

JAN. – FEB.
2017



Mayor & City Council Action

MAY 6
2017



Public Vote

KEY DATES

Thursday, February 2, 2017	City Council A-Session City Council Adoption of Urban Renewal Plan
Thursday, February 9, 2017	City Council A-Session City Council call for 2017 Bond Election
Saturday, May 6, 2017	General Election Day Public Vote on Election including 2017 Bond Program

Volunteers & Community



"If you have ever called our Collins Garden Field Office, you'll probably hear one of the friendliest voices in District 5. Lucinda Perez is there to take your call, and with her husband Ray Perez at her side, they have been an indelible support in D5, and I am proud to know we have community volunteers like them by our side."

— *Lucinda Perez*

Basura Bash 2016!

In February 2016, the office of District 5 and dedicated volunteers made it a mission to once again clean up Alazan Creek during what now has become a yearly event called Basura Bash. Everyone who committed to help during this event is proud of their District 5, and one of the best ways to demonstrate how much we care about our community is by keeping it litter free.



Westside Linear Creeks (Updates & Improvements)



*Cyclists prepare for grand opening
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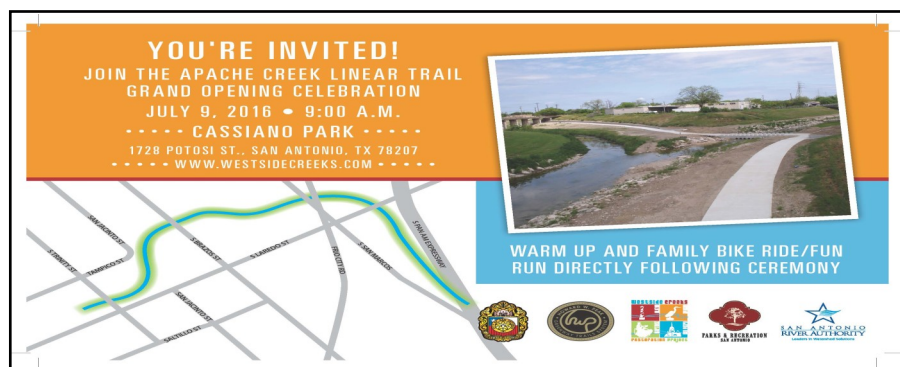
The Westside Linear Creekways underwent some improvements during the 2016 Fiscal Year. Other phases of the project are still in development, such as the San Pedro Creek Trail.

Apache Creek Trail

Some updates are currently being made and were made to Apache Creek during the 2105-2016 Fiscal Year:

- (From 19th St. to San Jacinto) Concrete path was widened, new signage installed, and parking lot was resurfaced. Completion will take place February 2016.
- (From Commerce St. to 24th St.) Hike and bike trails are being constructed along with associated improvements with completion taking place January 2017.
- Apache Creek/San Pedro Creek conjunction designed and completion of hiking and biking trails in this section of the Linear Creekways took place July 2016.

Total Project Cost: \$3,917,133.00 — GRAND OPENING TOOK PLACE JULY 2016



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*Grand Opening of Apache Creek Trail
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San Pedro Creek Trail

The boundaries for San Pedro Creek project extends **3.82 miles**, beginning at the creek's flood control tunnel inlet near the IH 10/IH 35 interchange by W. Quincy and extends to the confluence with the San Antonio River. This historic and once flourishing creek flows behind the Christopher Columbus Italian Society Hall, past the Alameda Theater, Spanish Governor's Palace, City of San Antonio and Bexar County Offices, past urban residential housing, and an emerging arts district. It then meanders south of downtown through primarily residential neighborhoods before flowing into the San Antonio River, just south of Probandt Street. Bexar County allocated **\$175 million** for the project. Following final design, Phase 1 is now underway and still expected to be **com-**



Rendering of future Agua Antigua at San Pedro Creek, © San Antonio River Authority

A Tribute to Choco Gonzalez Meza



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"As many of you all know, 2016 was a difficult year for all of District 5 because we lost a woman who gave so much of herself for a passion she had to make sure the Westside of San Antonio always prospered. She believed that her gente would continue to succeed and make District 5 the jewel of our city. We will continue to honor that legacy by making sure we work hard everyday to make District 5 exactly what Choco always dreamed of. We hope that you join us in that effort this new year, and we wish you all the best of successes along with your loved ones, friends, and our community."

— *Julie Garcia*

Important Resources and Contacts

24 hr. City Hotline.....	311 or 207-6000
Utility/Rental Assistance.....	207-7830
Housing Rehabilitation.....	207-0147
Fair Housing.....	207-5910
Senior Services.....	207-7172
Childcare Services.....	230-6300
Health Department.....	207-8780
SAPD (West Substation)	207-7420
SAPD (South Substation).....	207-8191
SAFFE Office (West).....	207-0810
SAFFE Office (South)	207-8964
SAPD Non-emergency.....	207-7273
Animal Care Services.....	207-4738
Graffiti.....	207-6460
CPS Energy.....	353-2222
SAWS.....	704-7297
VIA Metro Transit.....	362-2020
United Way.....	211
Animal Resource Center	351-SPAY

Get In Touch

Office hours: 9:00am—5:00pm

City Hall Office	Collins Garden Field Office	Las Palmas Field Office
P.O. Box 839966	Office	803 Castroville, Suite 218
San Antonio, Texas 78283	200 N Park Blvd	San Antonio, Texas 78237
Phone: 210-207-7043	San Antonio, Texas 78204	Phone: 210-207- 0990



Email us at: district5@sanantonio.gov

Seeking Interns:

***Knowledge of Word & Excel required**

***College students and recent grads welcome**

***5 hours per week minimum**

Seeking Volunteers:

***Must enjoy working with people from all walks of life.**

***Hours/days may vary**